

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10, 15-21 and 23-28 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1, 10, 15, 18-19 and 21 have been amended. Claims 9, 11-14, and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 23-28 have been added. Applicant has amended the specification to correct the typographical errors noted by the Examiner.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has amended claims 10 and 15 to clarify that the player receiving the jackpot cannot receive a random award from entering the special bonus.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,887,154 ("Luciano").

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luciano in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,743,798 ("Adams").

Personal Interview and Interview Summary

The Applicant notes with appreciation the interview with Examiners Hotaling and Hu on June 21, 2007. Pursuant to the discussions in the interview, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 21 to clarify the invention.

The Applicant agrees with the Interview Summary Sheet provided at the end of the interview in which the Examiners acknowledged the proposed amendments to claim 1 distinguish over Luciano and the other art of record.

Independent Claims 1 and 21

Independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include the general subject matter of dependent claims 9 and 11-14 which have been canceled. The amended claims now further clarify that randomly selected bonuses are awarded and more than one but less than all of the players are randomly selected to receive the randomly selected bonuses. Luciano does not disclose the claimed subject matter that is set forth in amended claims 1 and 21. During the interview on June 21, 2007, the Examiners acknowledged the fact that amended claim 1 distinguished over Luciano and the art of record. Independent claim 21 has been amended with the same elements. Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 1-21 are allowable. New claims 23-28 depend from claim 21 and are similarly believed to be allowable.

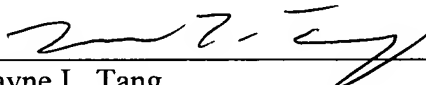
Conclusion

It is Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and actions towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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